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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Cesare BISLERI et al.)
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Application No.: 09/785,557)
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Filed: February 20, 2001)
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For: FIRE-RESISTANT AND WATER-)
RESISTANT HALOGEN-FREE)
LOW-VOLTAGE CABLES)

Group Art Unit: 1774

Examiner: Camie S. Thompson

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated May 29, 2002, the period for response to which extends through July 29, 2002 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time of one month and requisite fee payment, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 53-67 and 83-99) and Group II (claims 68-82).

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 53-67 and 83-99 with traverse. The Examiner stated that the inventions of Group I and II are distinct because the product as claimed can be made using another materially different process.

Specifically, the Examiner alleged that "a fire and water resistant low-voltage electrical cable can be made using copolymers of methyl methacrylate. Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider whether the invention as-claimed can be made using copolymers of methyl methacrylate.

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